

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 11 and 13-15 are allowed.

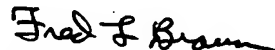
The specification is amended by the present amendment to correct informalities.

If, however, the Examiner disagrees with any of the amendments presented above, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned who will be happy to work in a joint effort to resolve any potential issue without delay. It is respectfully requested that the amendments be entered in due course.

In view of the prior indication of allowability, no further issues are outstanding, and entry of the present amendment is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested so that the patent which issues from this application includes the presently submitted changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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